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1. RE ARTICLE 2 OF DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL (PARA 7 REFTEL), WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT REDUCTION OF DETAIL IN PROTOCOL'S TECHNICAL SCOPE, PROVIDED SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION NOT ELIMINATED THEREBY. IN THIS REGARD, THE TERM "PACKAGING" WHICH APPEARS IN ARTICLE 2 III D IS NOT INTENDED TO INCLUDE VITRIFICATION.

2. CEA PROPOSAL (PARA 7 REFTEL) TO RESTRICT ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF ARTICLE 2 III GIVES RISE TO CONCERN. WE HAD BEEN PREPARED TO ACCEPT CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON NOBLE GAS TECHNOLOGY (ARTICLE 2 III C) ALONE,
BASED ON UNDERSTANDING THERE MAY BE KEY PROPRIETARY DATA WITHIN THE URG ENTERPRISE HAVING ITS ORGIN IN CEA
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PROGRAMS OR PROPRIETARY CONTRACTORS. HOWEVER, THE CEA-PROPOSED

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EXPANSION OF THESE RESTRICTIONS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREAS
ARTICLE 2 III A AND B IS CONSIDERED TO BE UNDERSIRABLE.
THE AREAS OF COOPERATION LISTED IN ARTICLE 2 III ARE CON-
SIDERED TO CONSTITUTE KEY ELEMENTS OF TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE
UNDER THE WASTE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL, AND ANY URG-IMPOSED
RESTRICTION PLACED ON EXCHANGE IN THESE AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN
AREAS III A AND III B, WOULD MAKE DIFFICULT THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF A BALANCED EXCHANGE, AND WOULD TEND TO JEOPARDIZE
USEFULNESS OF THIS PROTOCOL TO BOTH PARTIES.

3. FYI: WE NOTE THAT SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS BASED ON URG
PARTNERSHIP DO NOT APPEAR IN ERDA/FMRT WASTE MANAGEMENT
ARRANGEMENT OF DECEMBER 20, 1974, ALTHOUGH IN THIS
ARRANGEMENT BOTH ERDA AND FMRT AGREED ".... TO MAKE AVAILABLE
TO EACH OTHER INFORMATION IN THE FIELD OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT WHICH THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO DISCLOSE, EITHER IN
THEIR POSSESSION OR AVAILABLE TO THEM...."

4. RE SITES OF FURTHER NEGOTIATION AND SIGNATURE (PARA 10
REFTEL), THIS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION. DETERMINATION OF OUR
PREFERENCES AWAITING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF CEA RESPONSE
TO ERDA LETTER OF DECEMBER 5.

5. COMMENTS RE ARTICLE 12 OF DRAFT ERDA/CEA GENERAL AGREEMENT
(PARA 5 REFTEL) WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.
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